

# Ultra-Stable Large Telescope Research and Analysis (ULTRA) ExEP Technology Colloquium

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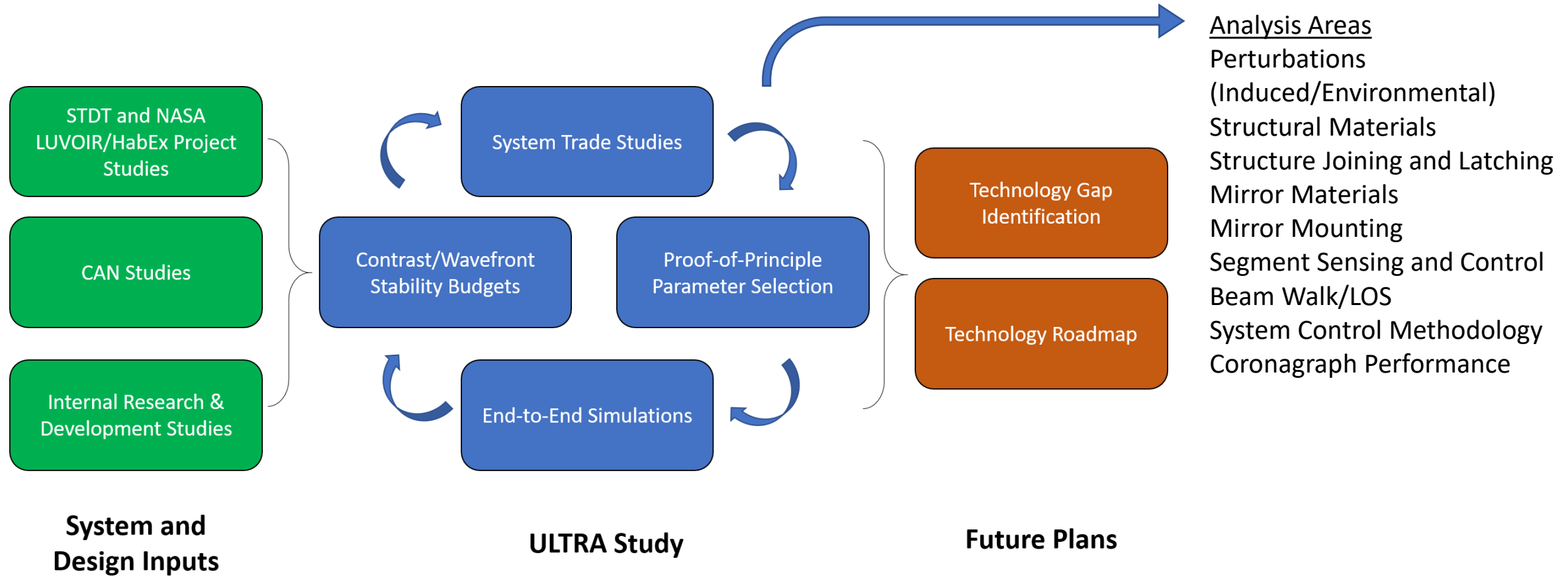
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# Objectives

- The ULTRA Industry Team was formed to support the maturation of key technologies for large, ultra-stable telescopes
- In 2018, the team received an award through ROSES (Element D.15) to perform a one year design and modeling study for > 10 m class segmented aperture telescopes.
- The key objectives of the effort were:
  1. Develop technical details of time domain aspect of stability, controls and coronagraph observations
  2. Develop thorough list of on-board and off-board disturbances important at picometer levels
  3. Develop trade space for technologies/architectures
  4. Develop technology gaps/roadmaps based on stability budgets

# Study Scope



# Technology Gap Classification

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# Contrast Stability Budget

- Budgeting for contrast stability is a complex exercise
  - Depends on coronagraph design, observing scenario, angular separation of planet-star, temporal and spatial scale of perturbations/control system, telescope performance, etc.
  - Not all aberrations are created equal

## SPATIAL DOMAIN

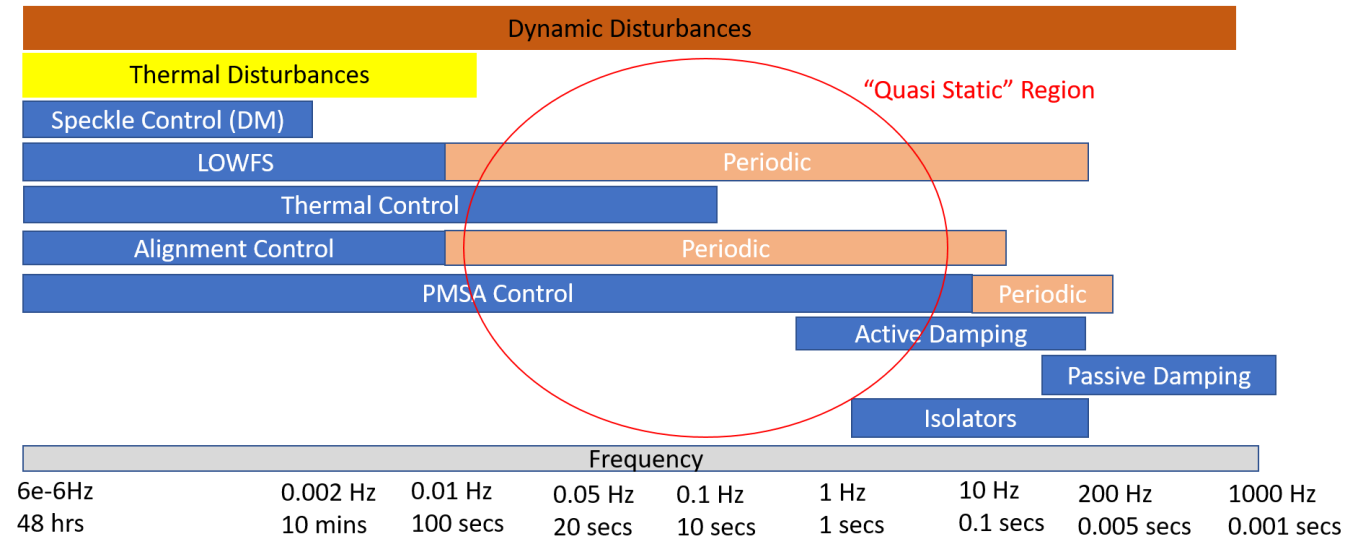
Allowable spatial perturbations to maintain  $10^{-10}$  contrast

Segment Errors		Global Errors	
Mode	pm	Mode	pm
Segment Piston	7	Global Bend about Y	209
Segment Tilt	13	Global Bend about X	224
Segment Power	23	Global Spherical	624
Segment Astigmatism	32	Global Hexafoil	778
Segment Trefoil	87	Global Zernike Coma	1049
Segment Hexafoil	314	Global Trefoil	2322
		Global Seidel Coma	2872
		Global Power	5798

Nemati et al., "The effects of space telescope primary mirror segment errors on coronagraph instrument performance," Proc. SPIE 10398 (2017).

## TEMPORAL DOMAIN

Expected disturbances and notional control systems





# Coronagraph Sets Top Level Allocations

- Coronagraph sensitivity is a function of spatial, temporal perturbations
  - “10 picometers per 10 minutes” isn’t enough
- Defined initial allocations in 15 “bins”
  - 3 Spatial frequency bins set by mirror segmentation (global, segment rigid, segment figure)
  - 5 Temporal frequency bins set by control systems (HOWFS, LOWFS, laser metrology, edge sensors, uncontrolled)

	Low Spatial Frequency (low)	Mid Spatial Frequency (mid)	High Spatial Frequency (hi)
Low Temporal Frequency 1 (LF1)	50 pm/10 hours (SF) 100 nm/10 min (CFWS)	[1,1.7,1.7] pm/10 hours (PTT – SF) [0.8,4,5] nm/10 min (PTT – CWFS)	0.04 pm/10 hours (SF) 0.6 pm/10 min (CWFS)
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Segment Piston, Tip, and Tilt (PTT) have tight allocations above 0.02 Hz (~2 min)  
 “Quasi-static” segment errors are going to be the most difficult part of the stability problem

LOWFS/HOWFS provide significant relief below their operating bandwidth

High spatial frequency numbers need more refinement – generated using conservative assumptions (e.g. pure sinusoidal phases that aren’t opto-mechanically realizable in a physical telescope)

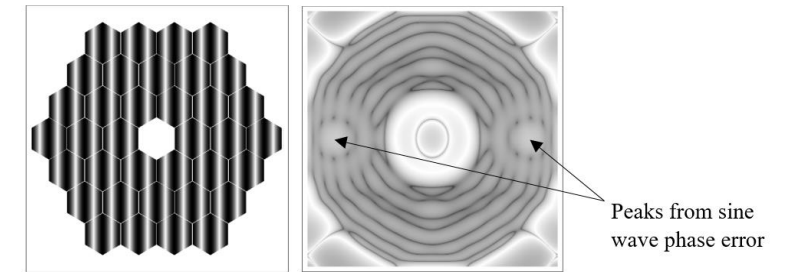
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\*direction from science community on definition of contrast and whether it is a maximum value, average over the dark hole area, etc. is needed

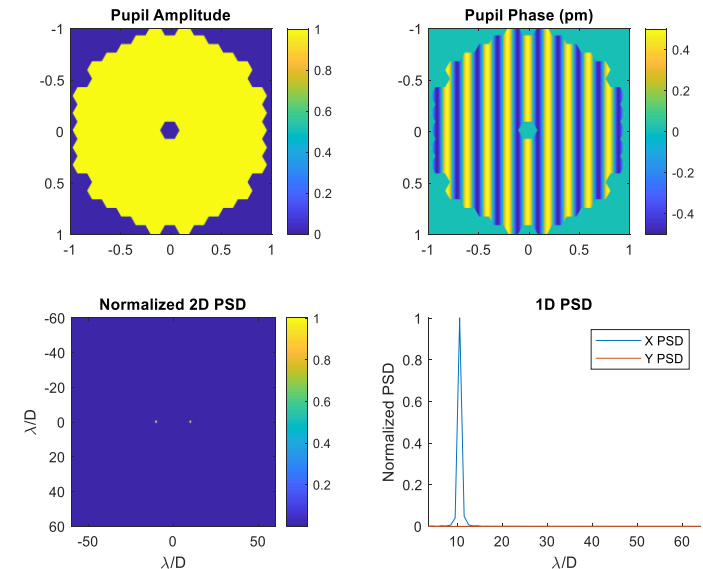
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# PSD Approach to Budgets

- Two types of WFE with the same RMS can put energy into different locations in the coronagraph focal plane
  - As long as they don't spatially overlap, they don't work together to degrade contrast
  - RSS'ing the WFE in a traditional branching structure may be overly conservative
- Use PSD to calculate energy distribution in the dark hole from errors on the PM (or other optics)
  - Use coronagraph simulation to calculate energy increase in dark hole that degrades contrast by  $10^{-10}$ , use as a normalization factor (e.g. phase sinusoid)
  - Assumes coronagraph effect is stationary – not quite right, but suitable for initial allocations
  - Final check: end-to-end simulation



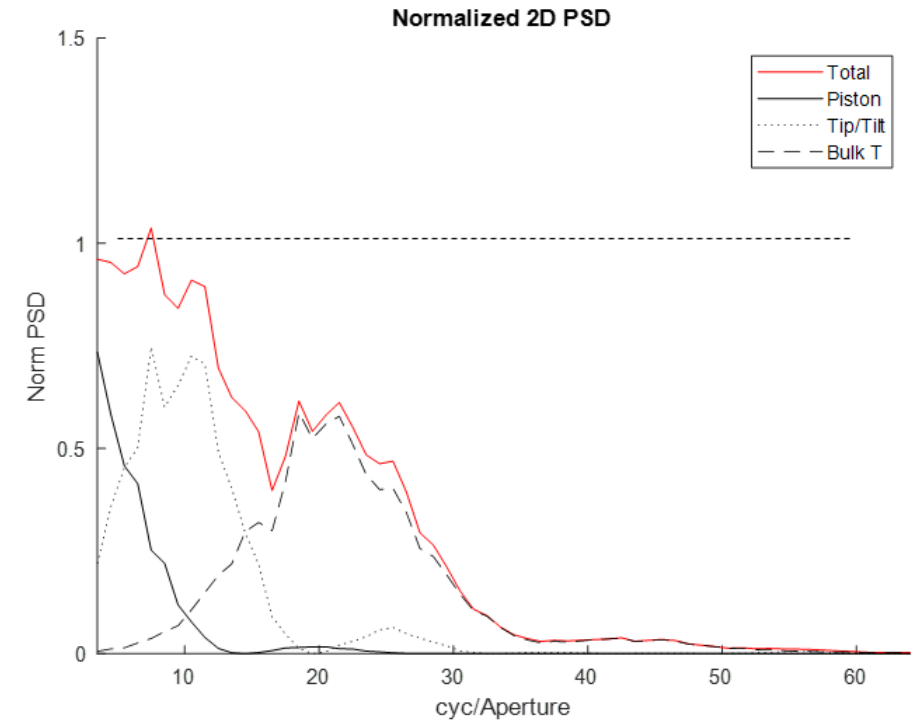
Sine Phase Error creates distinct peaks in dark hole



Peak energy used to calculate normalization factor (max allowable energy at any location)

# Example PSD Budget

- The most sensitive spatial terms in the error budget are segment level piston, tip and tilt
  - Create a PSD “sensitivity” for each term
  - Scale such that the PSD sum is below the requirement
- This method provides some relief to the error budget
  - In an RSS WFE approach, each term would get 58% of the allocation ( $1/\sqrt{3}$ )
  - In the PSD approach, the peaks are shifted, so each term gets ~80% of the allocation
- Normalization factor will also scale based on temporal nature of perturbation



Sample Monte Carlo PSD-based budget for spatial terms:  
 Segment level piston  
 Segment level tip/tilt  
 Bulk temperature change of segment (trefoil)

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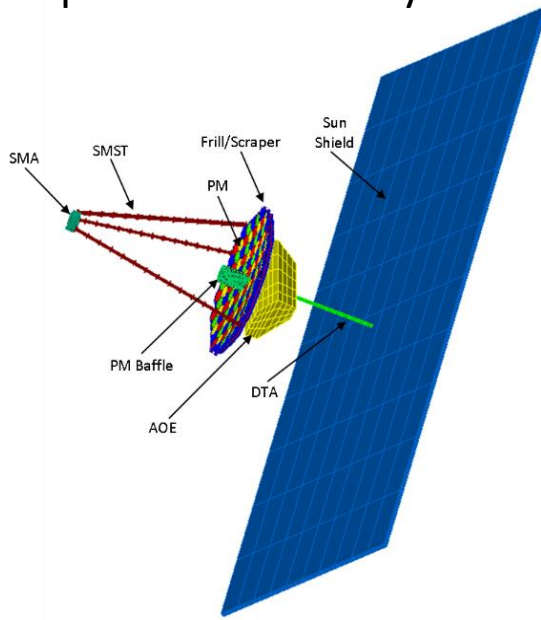
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# Baseline Design

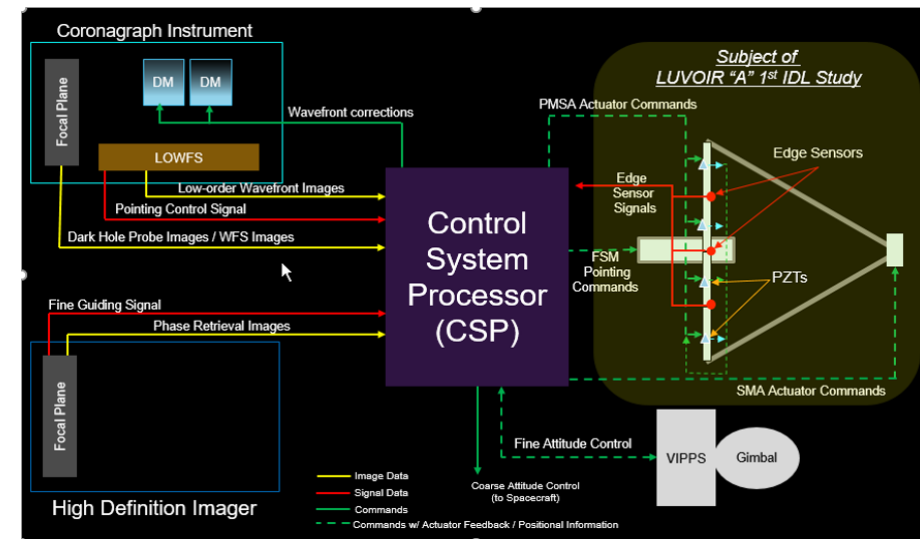
- LUVVOIR Architecture A was used as the baseline when a specific system was needed
  - Tried to generalize/parametrize analysis where possible
- On the following slides, the hardest problems/areas of concern are highlighted

## Optomechanical Layout



LUVVOIR Architecture "A"  
Harris Corp., LUOVIR STDT

## Control Architecture



Lee Feinberg; Matthew Bolcar; Scott Knight; David Redding," Ultra-stable segmented telescope sensing and control architecture." Proc. SPIE Volume 10398, (2017).

# Expected Disturbances

## Sources Considered:

	Environmentally Induced	System Induced
Classical Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermal distortion from solar flux (function of telescope orientation/slew)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermal distortion from on-board sources</li> <li>Moisture Desorption</li> <li>S/C Dynamics: CMGs, propellant slosh</li> <li>Payload Dynamics: hinges, latches, mechanisms</li> </ul>
New Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gravitational Forces (Sun/Earth/Moon)</li> <li>Charging – Coulomb Forces (electrostatics) and Lorentz Forces (electrodynamics)</li> <li>Radiation Induced Compaction</li> <li>Micrometeoroid impacts (dynamics)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gravitational Forces (Self-interaction)</li> <li>Inertial Forces from station keeping</li> </ul>

## Potential Concerns:

- Coulomb Forces
  - Approaching nm level over 1 year
  - Static figure concern over mission lifetime
  - High spatial frequency – may fall outside the dark hole
- Micrometeoroid Impacts
  - May result in > 1 pm displacement of PMSAs during CG observation
  - Very conservative assumptions used – need to study energy transfer in more detail

# Beam Walk/LOS

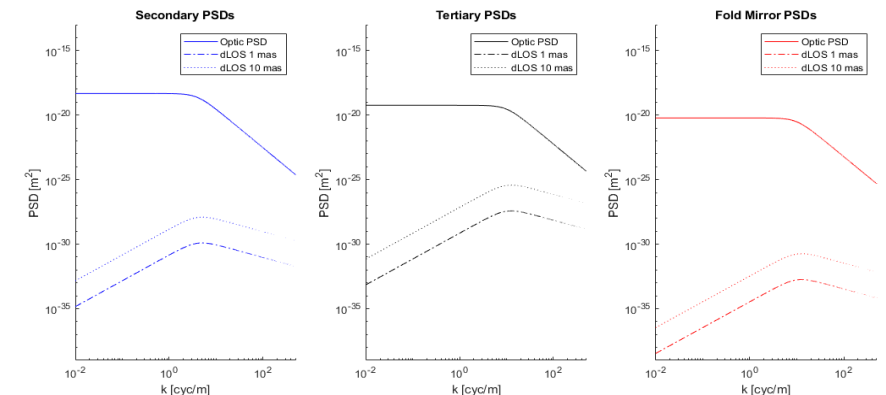
- Beam walk is caused by misaligning an optical element or changing the LOS
- Has three main impacts on system WFE:
  1. Shear on the optical surface will expose the beam to a different part of the ideal surface shape, which will add a slightly different wavefront error.
  2. Shear on the optical surface will expose the beam to spatially varying manufacturing residuals, which will add a slightly different wavefront error.
  3. Shear on a deformable mirror will cause the wavefront correction produced by the DM to no longer line up properly.

(Deferred to E2E simulation)

Driver for allowable optic misalignment (control with WFE budget)

Driver for allowable LOS change (< 1 mas LOS control – needs low disturbance S/C or isolation/damping)

Low TRL Gap



PSD Analysis for Beam Walk, Manufacturing Residual



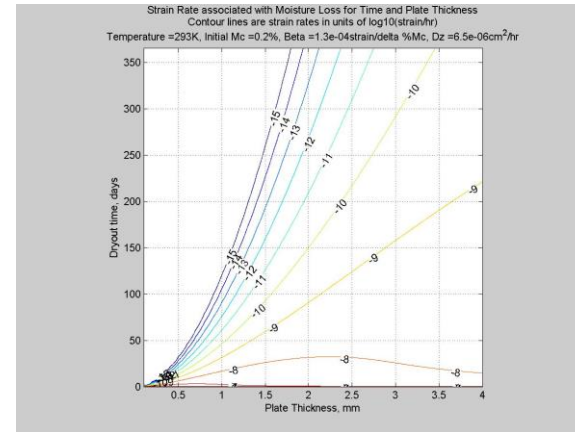
# Stable Structures

- Evaluated performance of SOTA composite structures
  - Dimensional change from thermal gradients, moisture desorption – **Need improved knowledge of CTE, CME to meet current budgets efficiently (screen materials at production rates)**
  - Improvements needed in thermal performance of fittings/adhesives/latches**
  - More work needed to characterize effect of micro dynamics in large structure**
- Key Trades:
  - CME: Bakeout, operating temp
  - Temperature control spatial uniformity

Engineering Gap

Mid TRL Gap

Knowledge Gap



Moisture Desorption Analysis for Baseline vs. 50% reduced CME

Frequency Band	Source	PM Global Alignment Expectations						PM Figure (PMSA) Alignment Expectations					
		V1 (nm)	V2 (nm)	V3 (nm)	Clocking rV1	Tilt rV2	Tilt rV3	V1 (nm)	V2 (nm)	V3 (nm)	Clocking rV1	Tilt rV2	Tilt rV3
LF1	Allocation	2E+03	8E+03	8E+03	3E+05	1E+03	1E+03	9E+02	7E+02	2E+02	9E+05	4E+02	4E+02
	CS Joint Fitting CTE	4E+03	6E+01	1E+03	1E+02	2E+03	6E+01	1E+04	7E+04	8E+04	3E+03	2E+04	1E+04
MF	Allocation	5E-02	2E-01	2E-01	7E+00	3E-02	3E-02	2E-01	2E+00	5E-02	2E+02	9E-02	9E-02
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	Adhesive CTE Influence	2E+03	1E+02	2E+03	1E+02	1E+03	1E+02	1E+04	2E+04	2E+04	6E+03	2E+04	2E+04
MF	Allocation	5E-02	2E-01	2E-01	7E+00	3E-02	3E-02	2E-01	2E+00	5E-02	2E+02	9E-02	9E-02
	Adhesive CTE Influence	4E-02	2E-03	3E-03	4E-03	8E-03	1E-03	3E-02	6E-02	7E-02	1E-02	4E-02	7E-02

Optic misalignment due to Fitting/Adhesive CTE (yellow indicates significant work needed to meet budgets)

# Stable Mirrors

- Evaluated performance of SOTA ULE Mirrors

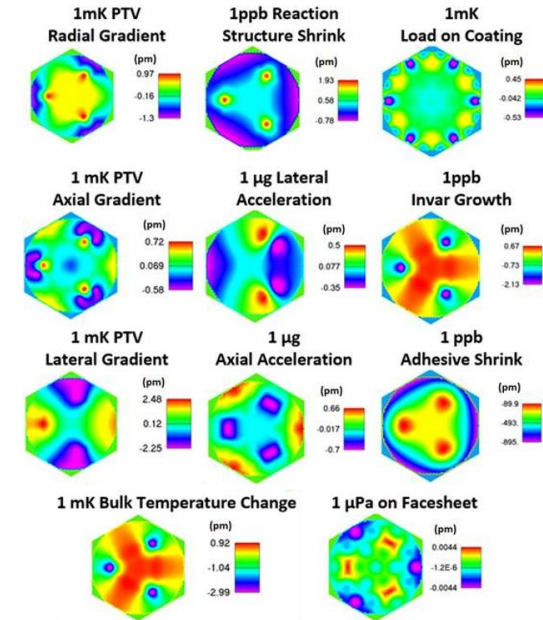
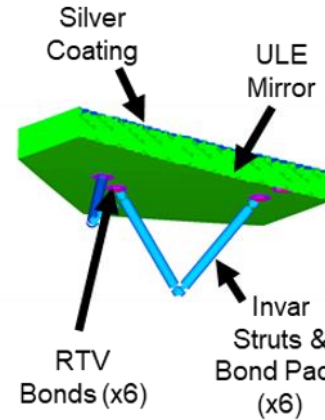
- Surface figure deformation sensitivities
- Thermal time constants
- Slew settling
- Allowable temperature changes
- Dynamic load limits

- Key Trades:

- Mirror Material (ULE, Zerodur, SiC)
- Mirror Mass Budgets
- Mirror Mounting Approaches (bond pads, struts, etc. to reduce thermal impacts)

Mid TRL Gap

Opto-mechanical model, surface deformation sensitivities



Thermal Analysis

Tolerable mK change and rate of change over spec duration		Acceptable Bulk Change in PMSA Temperature		Acceptable Bulk Change in Mirror Substrate		Axial Gradient Temp change in PMSA		Lateral Gradient Temp change in PMSA	
		mK Change	mK/Hour Rate	mK Change	mK/Hour Rate	mK Change	mK/Hour Rate	mK Change	mK/Hour Rate
Alloc	Duration								
LF1	86400 s	114.5 mK	3.4 mK/h	80.4 mK	2.4 mK/h	165.5 mK	6.9 mK/h	351.9 mK	10.4 mK/h
LF2	1000 s	4.5 mK	11.4 mK/h	3.1 mK	8.0 mK/h	1.5 mK	5.3 mK/h	13.7 mK	34.9 mK/h
LF3	100 s	4.5 mK	113.6 mK/h	3.1 mK	79.8 mK/h	1.5 mK	53.0 mK/h	13.7 mK	>500 mK/h
MF	1 s	0.064 mK	>500 mK/h	0.045 mK	>500 mK/h	0.040 mK	>500 mK/h	0.195 mK	>500 mK/h
HF	0.1 s	0.064 mK	>500 mK/h	0.045 mK	>500 mK/h	0.003 mK	>500 mK/h	0.034 mK	>500 mK/h

# Active Sensing and Control

- System Control Methodology
  - Building up simulation to model perturbations, active sensing and control system, disturbance rejection controller

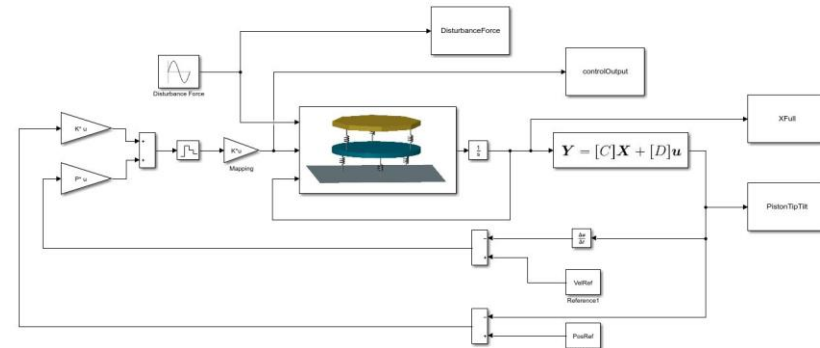
- Thermal Sensing and Control
  - Assumed 1 mK for this study
  - Baseline sensitivity demonstrated, need to apply to large, complex opto-mech system

- Key Trades:
  - Sensing approach (edge sensor, segment level LOWFS, external laser guide star)
  - Actuator approach (PZT, Voice Coil)
  - Local vs. Distributed Control

Mid TRL Gap

Low TRL Gap

Control Model



Sensing Trade Study Matrix

Criteria	PMSA Technology need: 4 μm sensitivity at 50-100 Hz (Sensing at 10x expected 5-10 Hz control)				
	1. Segment Level LOWFS/Out of Band WFS	2. Capacitive Edge Sensor	3. Inductive Edge Sensor	4. Optical Edge Sensor (DM)	5. Laser Guide Star
Measurement Sensitivity	12 picometers RMS (Low Order Zernike)	3 picometers RMS (0-60 Hz integrated, closed loop) in gap	1 micrometer (100 Hz) for 1-10 Hz in shear; 100 nm/μm/Hz for 1-10 Hz in gap; Could scale for increased sensitivity at 100 Hz	15 pm RMS (unknown PSD)	Tunable, can achieve <10 pm RMS control
Measurement Bandwidth	0.01 Hz (~2 min int for Mag 30 stars) Could run faster with less sensitivity?	60 Hz - could adjust/increase with optimized electronics	2 Hz	100 Hz (attocube)	> 3 kHz
Measurement Dynamic Range	Needs residual WFE < 0.25 nm RMS (~25 μm segment piston, 500 pr-segment SR)	Set by electronics (A/D) - need factor of 10,000 for 10 mm capture range - 14-bit (achievable)	Micros	mm to m (depends on laser geometry)	> 50 mm
Propagation from Segment to Full-Aperture	None (independent measurement for each segment)	Edge sensors can't sense full aperture, low order modes well (i.e. focus)	Edge sensors can't sense full aperture, low order modes well (i.e. focus)	Edge sensors can't sense full aperture, low order modes well (i.e. focus)	Edge sensors can't sense full aperture, low order modes well (i.e. focus)
Sensor Head SWAP	Nothing local to mirrors: Requires bench for LOWFS optical train (~4 ft x 4 ft x 1 ft for WFIRST)	Large plates needed: 150 mm x 150 x 4 mm plates with 0.25 mm gap (quad configuration)	75 x 75 mm for 4.5 mm gap (estimated from hardware photo)	Small head on mirror edges; Make laser return integrated into mirror substrate?	25 x 25 x 50 mm; Mount side by side on back of mirror
Sensor Electronics SWAP	Dominated by needs of sensing camera	Boards needed for all sensors	Electronics needed for all sensors; can have long cables (10 m)	Electronics needed to control laser/sense return	Electronics needed to control laser/sense return
Thermal Impact to OTE	Local heating near camera on LOWFS bench - removed from mirrors; Minimal impact	Electronics will cause some heating; should be slow and correctable; Move away from mirrors if possible	Electronics will cause some heating; should be slow and correctable; Move away from mirrors if possible	Electronics and laser will cause some heating; Can't completely move away from mirrors.	Electronics and laser will cause some heating; Can't completely move away from mirrors.
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TRL/risk	Proven performance with WFIRST Testbeds (SR et al); Low Risk	Electronics proven at Ball for different plate geometry; Target bandwidth; Potential to optimize for this application without losing performance; Some risk	Development for E-ELT; Laboratory testing completed; Some risk for space mission	Attocube is COTS system and has been tested in ambient vacuum; Some risk for space mission	High TRL components (LaserCom Heritage); Low risk for space mission
Other Complexity	Another optical system to include in coronagraph instrument.	Lots of wiring; how to implement passive configuration with deployable mirrors.	Lots of wiring; inductive sensor degradation from temperature instability.	Lots of wiring; power for lasers could add up; Stray light; Dynamic range limited to maintain return.	Must be light tight (requires flexible boot - how to implement with mirror deployment? Small dihedral angle range (~3 mrad))

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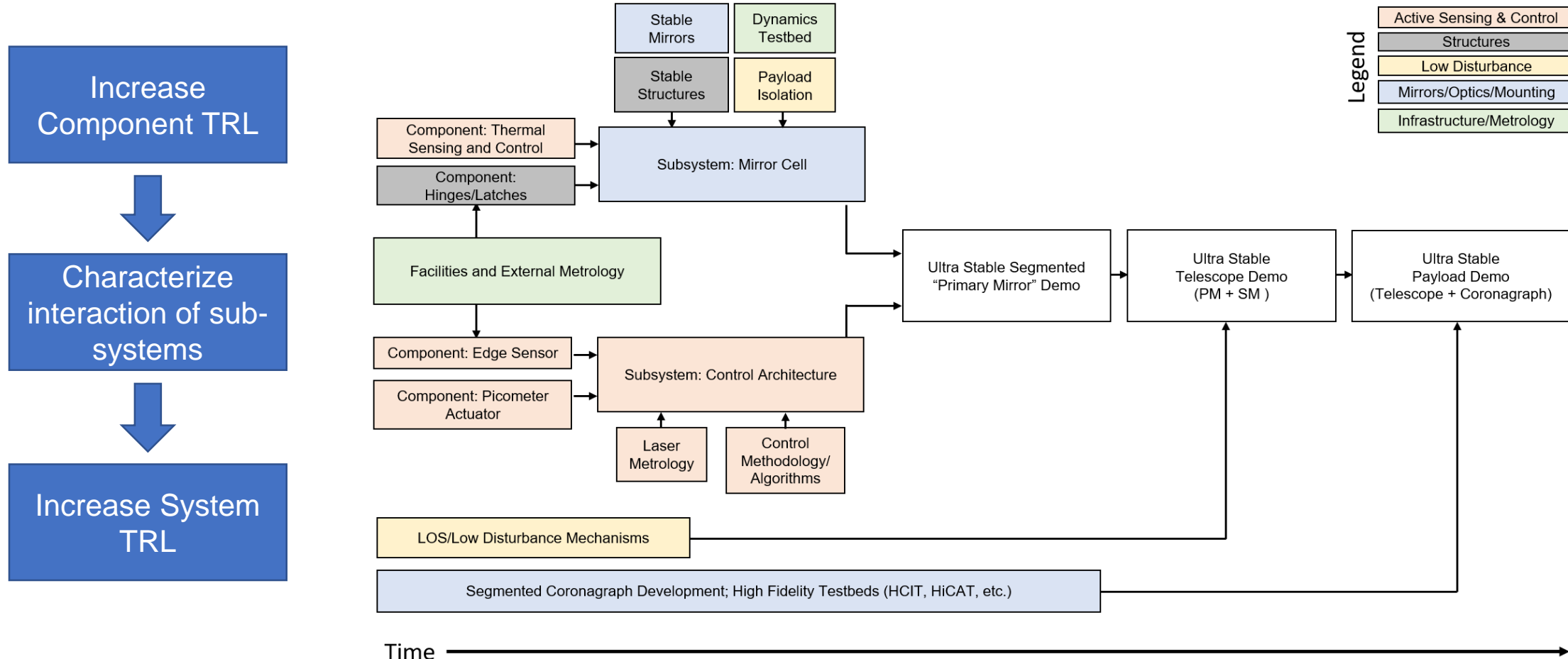
Area	Active Sensing & Control				Low Disturbance			Structures			Mirrors and Mirror Mounting					Path Forward for TRL Advancement
	Segment Dynamic Sensing & Control	Laser Metrology	System Control Methodology	Thermal Sensing & Control	LOS Stability	Payload Isolation	Low Disturbance Mechanisms	Stable Composite Structures	Microdynamics	Stable Joining (Hinges/Latches)	Stable Mirrors	Mirror Mounting	PMSA Figure Actuation (if needed)	Coronagraph Design (LOWFS/HOWFS)	Infrastructure/ External Metrology	
Current TRL	3	5	2	4	3	5	2	5	2	4	5	4	3	4/5	-	
Knowledge Gap	X		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	(X)			Analysis/ Measurements
<b>Low-TRL Gap</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>								(X)			<b>Component-Level Demo</b>
<b>Mid-TRL Gap</b>				X						X		X				<b>Analysis/ Subsystem Demo</b>
Engineering Gap		X				X		X			X				X	Analysis
System-Level Gap			X			X			X				X			System/ Subsystem Demos
Showstopper																Unknown

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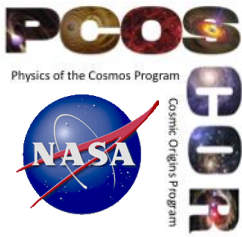
- Most Low TRL gaps (2-3) are component technologies and have a proposed approach(es), but they have not been demonstrated at the picometer level and/or in a LUVUOIR-like geometry
- Most knowledge/engineering gaps (3-5) can be solved with better manufacturing/metrology.
  - Knowledge gaps could transition to Low TRL gaps depending on results
- The Mid TRL gaps (4) need to be proven through subsystem interactions.
- Everything falls into the system-level gap – no one has put all these pieces together and demonstrated stability to picometers

Near-term priorities

# Technology Roadmap







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